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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered the question of advancement of women (agenda item 19) at its 1st to 9th meetings, from 7 to 14 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its twelfth session (A/48/38, Supp. No. 38); 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (A/48/187-E/1993/76);

(c) Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session (E/1993/27 and Corr.1); 2/

(d) Note by the Secretariat on the proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 (E/1993/43);

(e) Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its thirteenth session (E/1993/44);

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth session, Supplement No. 38 (A/48/38).

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 7 (E/1993/27 and Corr.1).

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development (E/1993/51);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on the Task Force on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (E/1993/82).

2. At its 1st to 6th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At its 1st meeting, on 7 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Deputy-Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW).

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 8 July, an introductory statement was made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and the Bahamas and the observers for New Zealand (on behalf also of Australia and Canada), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries) and the Dominican Republic.

5. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization made statements. The observer for Zonta International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

6. At the 3rd meeting, on 8 July, statements were made by the representatives of Canada and Chile.

7. At the 4th meeting, on 9 July, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, China, Belarus, Japan, Benin and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

8. At the same meeting, the observers for the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, made statements.

9. At the 5th meeting, on 12 July, statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait, Bangladesh, Morocco, Ukraine, Cuba and Poland and the observers for Namibia and New Zealand.

10. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and the Philippines.

11. At the same meeting, the Deputy-Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women made concluding statements.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session

12. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session (E/1993/27 and Corr.1) contained seven draft resolutions and two draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. Nine resolutions of the Commission were brought to the attention of the Council.

13. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, the Chairman informed the Committee that draft resolutions I to VI and draft decisions I and II contained in the report had no programme budget implications.

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

14. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat" (see para. 39 below, draft resolution I).

Draft declaration on the elimination of violence against women

15. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, following a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Draft declaration on the elimination of violence against women" (see para. 39 below, draft resolution II).

16. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a further statement.

Communications on the status of women

17. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Communications on the status of women" (see para. 39 below, draft resolution III).

Women, environment and development

18. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Women, environment and development" (see para. 39 below, draft resolution IV).

Women and children under apartheid

19. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Women and children under apartheid" (see para. 39 below, draft resolution V).

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

20. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" (see para. 39 below, draft resolution VI).

Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women

21. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, the Committee decided to postpone taking action on draft resolution VII, entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women".

22. At the same meeting, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

23. At the 9th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

24. At the same meeting, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement. The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

25. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 31 to 1, with 11 abstentions (see para. 39 below, draft resolution VII). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belarus, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ethiopia, Guinea, India, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Poland, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

26. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission

27. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission" (see para. 40 below, draft decision I).

Inter-sessional working group of the Commission on the Status of Women on the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

28. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, following a statement by the Secretary, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Inter-sessional working

group of the Commission on the Status of Women on the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace" (see para. 40 below, draft decision II).

29. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement.

Other proposals

System-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women

30. At the 7th meeting, on 13 July, the representative of Australia, on behalf also of Argentina, the Bahamas, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, 3/ New Zealand, 3/ Norway and Sweden, 3/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.2/L.2), entitled "System-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women".

31. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the Committee that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution (see para. 39 below, draft resolution VIII).

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

32. At the 8th meeting, on 13 July, the representative of Argentina, on behalf also of Angola, Australia, the Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, 3/ Mexico, New Zealand, 3/ Norway, Peru, Romania, Spain, Uruguay 3/ and Venezuela, 3/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.2/L.3), entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women".

33. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the Committee that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

34. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Kuwait made a statement.

35. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution (see para. 39 below, draft resolution IX).

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women

36. At the 8th meeting, on 13 July, the Chairman read out the following draft decision, entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women":

> "The Committee takes note with appreciation of the note by the Secretary-General (E/1993/82) transmitting the report of the Task Force on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women and concurs

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3/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

with the recommendation to merge those two organizations in pursuance of a stronger, more unified programme for the advancement of women, stressing the need to take full account of the recommendations listed in paragraph 13 of the report, in particular the need for a proper analysis of the legal, financial and administrative implications."

37. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Cuba, Mexico and Argentina. The Committee then decided to postpone taking action on the draft decision.

38. At the same meeting, the Chairman, on the basis of informal consultations, orally revised the draft decision, which the Committee then adopted (see para. 40 below, draft decision III).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

39. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-VII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (E/1993/27), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

System-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1988/59 of 27 July 1988, by which it requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to initiate the formulation of a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001,

Having considered the note by the Secretariat containing the proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001, 4/

Convinced that a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women can enhance coordination among the organizations of the United Nations system by providing a framework for including advancement of women in individual medium-term plans and programme statements,

Bearing in mind that the United Nations planning cycle to which the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women was matched has changed and that there has been a general shift to a more strategic form of planning,

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4/ E/1993/43.

Recognizing that the Platform for Action to emerge from the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace cannot be reflected in the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001, which must be approved in 1993,

1. Endorsed the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 as a general framework for the coordination of system-wide efforts, as revised in terms of the comments found in the annex to resolution 37/1 of 24 March 1993 of the Commission on the Status of Women; 5/

2. Requests the organizations of the United Nations system that are preparing medium-term plans for the period 1996-2001 to incorporate relevant aspects of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women in formulating aspects of their individual plans in terms of advancement of women;

3. Also requests the organizations of the United Nations system, when implementing the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, to take account of the importance of ensuring that humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and refugee programmes provide for the health needs of women and for their protection from violence and sexual abuse, especially in emergency and conflict situations,

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to arrange for a revision of the system-wide medium-term plan after the Platform for Action and the second review and appraisal of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 6/ have been formulated and adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that any revised system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women be more concise, take account of the changes in the United Nations planning cycle, take a more strategic approach, highlighting policy implications, and include more substantial strategies, time-frames, concrete measures, resources and allocation of responsibility for implementation;

6. Decides that the Commission on the Status of Women, together with the Committee for Programme and Coordination, should be given responsibility for monitoring progress on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women and that all United Nations entities should be held accountable for the components of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women that fall within their areas of responsibility.

5/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 7 (E/1993/27), chap. I, sect. C.

6/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1992/21 of 30 July 1992, in which it took note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twelfth session, 7/

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its thirteenth session, 8/

Recognizing the important role that the Institute could play in the substantive preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace,

Also recognizing the equally important contributions that the Institute could make in its area of expertise to activities related to the International Year of the Family, the International Conference on Population and Development and the World Summit for Social Development,

Reaffirming the continuing need for independent research and related training activities for the advancement of women and the role of the Institute therein,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its thirteenth session and the decisions contained therein; 8/

2. Commends the Institute for activities carried out that contribute to mainstreaming gender in development strategies and the appraisal of the contribution of women to social and economic development, particularly in relation to the informal sector;

3. Expresses its appreciation of the fact that the Institute maintains and seeks ways to strengthen its mode of operation, for example, by networking, particularly with the regional commissions and the focal points of the Institute, thereby ensuring effective outreach and coordination in order to empower and strengthen the position of women at the national and regional levels;

4. Requests the Institute to assist in the substantive preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, given its essential role in research, training and statistical expertise;

7/ E/1992/18.

8/ E/1993/44.

5. Further requests the Institute to contribute, within its area of expertise, to the activities relevant to the International Year of the Family, the International Conference on Population and Development and the World Summit for Social Development;

6. Reiterates the importance of maintaining the level of resources devoted to independent research and related training activities which are crucial for the situation of women;

7. Calls upon States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute, through voluntary contributions and pledges, to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus enabling the Institute to continue to respond effectively to its mandate.

40. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I AND II, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (E/1993/27), CHAP. I, SECT. B]

DRAFT DECISION III

United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Economic and Social Council takes note with appreciation of the note by the Secretary-General 9/ transmitting the report of the Task Force on the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women and agrees that the recommendation to merge those two organizations in pursuance of a stronger, more unified programme for the advancement of women could proceed, subject to the recommendations set out in paragraph 13 of the report, in particular the need for a proper analysis of the legal, financial and administrative implications of the merger, and subject to consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered the question of social development (agenda item 20) at its 4th to 10th meetings, from 9 to 14 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (A/48/56-E/1993/6);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved and obstacles encountered in implementing the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (E/1993/5);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22 (E/1993/10);

(d) Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (E/1993/24); 1/

(e) Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session (E/1993/32); 2/

(f) Report on the World Social Situation, 1993 (E/1993/50/Rev.1); 3/

GE.93-70329 (E)

(g) Note verbale dated 6 July 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and other international organizations at Vienna addressed to the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna (E/1993/103);

(h) Statement submitted by the International Federation of Associations of the Elderly (FIAPA), a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/1993/NGO/5).

2. At the 4th to 10th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 4th meeting, on 9 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director and Coordinator for the International Year of the Family and the Director of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and the Russian Federation.

4. At the 5th meeting, on 12 July, the Chief of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch made an introductory statement.

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Turkey made a statement.

6. Also at the same meeting, the observers for the Inter-Press Service International Cooperative and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made statements.

7. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, the representative of Austria made a statement.

8. At the same meeting, the observer for the International Federation of Associations of the Elderly, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

9. At the 7th meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, China, Belarus, the United States of America and Romania.

10. At the 8th meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Poland and the observer for Venezuela.

11. At the same meeting, the observers for the World Federation of Trade Unions and the International Council on Social Welfare, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made statements.

12. At the 9th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Japan, Canada (on behalf also of Australia and New Zealand), Kuwait and the Republic of Korea.

13. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine and Bangladesh and the observer for Slovakia.

14. At the same meeting, the observer for the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session

15. Chapter I of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (E/1993/24) contained eight draft resolutions and three draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. It also contained one decision of the Commission that called for action by the Council. One resolution and one decision of the Commission were brought to the attention of the Council.

16. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Secretary informed the Committee that the draft proposals contained in the report had no programme budget implications.

International Day of Disabled Persons

17. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "International Day of Disabled Persons" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I).

Standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities

18. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, following a statement by the Secretary, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution II).

19. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Development of a plan of action to implement the long-term strategy to further the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

20. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Chairman orally proposed an amendment to draft resolution III, entitled "Development of a plan of action to implement the Long-Term Strategy to Further the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons". The amendment called for the replacement of operative paragraph 3, which read:

> "3. Recommends that the draft plan of action should include priorities and a time-frame for implementation and should be submitted for consideration and approval by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session",

by the following text:

> "3. Recommends that the draft plan of action include priorities and a time-frame for implementation and be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-eighth session and for approval at its forty-ninth session."

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the oral amendment.

22. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 53 below, draft resolution III).

Positive and full inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society and the leadership role of the United Nations therein

23. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, following statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States of America, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Positive and full inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society and the leadership role of the United Nations therein" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution IV).

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing

24. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution V).

International Year of the Family

25. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "International Year of the Family" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution VI).

Tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond

26. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, entitled "Tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution VII).

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

27. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VIII, entitled "United Nations Research Institute for Social Development" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution VIII).

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission

28. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission" (see para. 54 below, draft decision I).

International Year of Older Persons

29. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "International Year of Older Persons" (see para. 54 below, draft decision II).

Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems

30. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland orally proposed the following draft decision:

> "The Economic and Social Council takes note of draft decision III, entitled 'Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems', contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (E/1993/24) and requests the Commission to reconsider it at its thirty-fourth session."

31. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Spain, India, the Syrian Arab Republic and Norway and the observer for Sweden.

32. At the same meeting, following statements by the Chairman and the Secretary, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 54 below, draft decision III).

33. The representative of the United Kingdom then made a statement.

Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

34. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

35. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend, for confirmation by the Economic and Social Council, the candidates listed in Commission for Social Development decision 33/101 for membership in the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (see para. 54 below, draft decision IV).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

36. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session (E/1993/32) contained nine draft resolutions and three draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council.

37. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Secretary informed the Committee that the draft proposals contained in the report had no programme budget implications for 1993.

Violence against women in all its forms

38. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, following a statement by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Violence against women in all its forms" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution IX).

Proposed guidelines for the prevention of urban crime

39. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Proposed guidelines for the prevention of urban crime" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution X).

The role of criminal law in the protection of the environment

40. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "The role of criminal law in the protection of the environment" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XI).

World ministerial conference on organized transnational crime

41. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "World ministerial conference on organized transnational crime" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XII).

Control of the proceeds of crime

42. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Control of the proceeds of crime" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XIII).

Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

43. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XIV).

Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

44. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the representative of France orally proposed an amendment to draft resolution VIII, entitled "Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders". The amendment called for the addition of the words "as well as the initiatives by States to participate actively in the organization of and follow up to such workshops" at the end of operative paragraph 7.

45. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Kuwait and Romania.

46. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the oral amendment.

47. A statement was then made by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

48. Also at the 10th meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XV).

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

49. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IX, entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XVI).

Reappointment of two members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

50. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Reappointment of two members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute" (see para. 54 below, draft decision V).

Organization of future sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

51. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Organization of future sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice" (see para. 54 below, draft decision VI).

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Commission

52. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft decision III, entitled "Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Commission" (see para. 54 below, draft decision VII).

Recommendations of the Social Committee

53. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I, II AND IV-VIII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (E/1993/24), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Development of a plan of action to implement the long-term strategy to further the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/91 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly invited Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to implement the agenda for action until the end of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and beyond and the preliminary outline of a long-term strategy to the year 2000 and beyond: a society for all,

Taking note of the deliberations of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session and of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session on the subject of the long-term strategy,

Emphasizing the need to take rapid action in this connection,

Recalling its resolution 1991/9 of 30 May 1991, in which it recommended that a meeting of experts, to be funded by voluntary contributions, be held in conjunction with the conference entitled "Independence 1992", to be organized

in Canada, with the primary objective of drawing up a long-term strategy to implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons 4/ to the year 2000 and beyond,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on a Long-Term Strategy to Further the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond, 5/ held at Vancouver from 25 to 29 April 1992, and of the important input of non-governmental organizations of persons with disabilities,

Recognizing that the report represents a significant step forward in the development of the plan of action to implement the long-term strategy,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the framework outlined in the report of the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on a Long-Term Strategy to Further the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to develop a draft plan of action based on those views, the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, the report of the Expert Group Meeting referred to in paragraph 1 above, the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group to elaborate standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons (E/CN.5/1993/5) and other recent developments, as appropriate;

3. Recommends that the draft plan of action include priorities and a time-frame for implementation and be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-eighth session and for approval at its forty-ninth session;

4. Requests that the draft plan of action be developed in consultation with the international non-governmental organizations of persons with disabilities having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

[FOR THE TEXTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS IX-XIV AND XVI, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ON ITS SECOND SESSION (E/1993/32), CHAP. I, SECT. A, DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-VI and IX.]

DRAFT RESOLUTION XV

Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 415 (V) of 1 December 1950 and 46/152 of 18 December 1991, the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders is to be convened in 1995,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 32/59 and 32/60 of 8 December 1977, 35/171 of 15 December 1980 and 45/121 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly noted the importance of the United Nations congresses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice,

Acknowledging the new role of the congresses stipulated in paragraph 29 of the Statement of Principles and Programme of Action annexed to General Assembly resolution 46/152,

Emphasizing the importance of undertaking all the preparatory activities for the Ninth Congress in a timely and concerted manner,

Recalling its resolution 1992/24 of 30 July 1992, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare a discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress, to be considered by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its second session, including proposals for action-oriented research and demonstration workshops related to the topics selected for the Ninth Congress,

Recalling also that, in the same resolution, it requested the Secretary-General to prepare draft rules of procedure for the Ninth Congress, taking into account, inter alia, the need for all draft resolutions on the selected topics to be submitted well in advance of the Ninth Congress,

Aware of the role played in crime prevention and criminal justice by the dissemination to the public of relevant information and of the impact on society at large of the mass media, at both the national and international levels,

Considering that, in view of the internationalization of new forms of criminality, the criminal justice community should work hand-in-hand with the mass media to attain an optimal level of dissemination of reliable and timely information on crime prevention,

Aware of the important work to be accomplished by the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the preparations for the Ninth Congress, 6/

1. Takes note with apprecation of the invitation of the Government of Uganda to act as host for the African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ninth Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

2. Approves the following provisional agenda for the Ninth Congress, finalized by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its second session:

1. Opening of the Congress.

2. Organizational matters.

3. International coooperation and practical technical assistance for strengthening the rule of law: promoting the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme.

4. Action against national and transnational economic and organized crime, and the role of criminal law in the protection of the environment: national experiences and international cooperation.

5. Criminal justice and police systems: management and improvement of police and other law enforcement agencies, prosecution, courts, corrections; and the role of lawyers.

6. Crime prevention strategies, in particular as related to crimes in urban areas and juvenile and violent criminality, including the question of victims: assessment and new perspectives.

7. Adoption of the report of the Congress.

3. Approves also the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, as recommended by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and contained in the annex to the present resolution;

4. Takes note of the discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress, together with its addendum, approved by the Commission at its second session;

5. Endorses the programme of work for the Ninth Congress, including the holding of six workshops on the following topics:

(a) Extradition and international cooperation: exchange of national experiences and implementation of relevant principles in national legislation (one day);

(b) Mass media and crime prevention (one day);

(c) Urban policy and crime prevention (one day);

(d) Prevention of violent crime (one day);

(e) Environmental protection at the national and international levels: potentials and limits of criminal justice (two days);

(f) International cooperation and assistance in the management of the criminal justice system: computerization of criminal justice operations and the development, analysis and policy use of criminal justice information (two days);

6. Notes that all organizational work for the above-mentioned workshops will be coordinated by the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch;

7. Accepts with appreciation the initiatives of the interregional, regional and associate institutes cooperating with the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice to assist the Secretariat in convening the workshops, as well as the initiatives by States to participate actively in the organization of and follow up to such workshops; 7/

8. Invites donor countries to cooperate with developing countries to ensure the full participation of the latter in the workshops;

9. Decides to include within the framework of the plenary of the Ninth Congress a one-day discussion on experiences in and practical measures aimed at combating corruption involving public officials;

10. Invites Member States, non-governmental organizations and other relevant entities to support financially, organizationally and technically the preparations for the workshops;

11. Takes note of the timetable for the five regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress contained in the report of the Secretary-General; 8/

12. Recommends that adequate provision be made for the attendance of the relevant regional commissions at the third and fourth sessions of the Commission and at the Ninth Congress;

13. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To undertake the necessary logistic steps, in collaboration with Member States and the network of crime prevention institutes, to mobilize the participation of relevant parties in the preparations for all six workshops;

(b) To allocate, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, the necessary resources for the organization of the five regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress and of the Ninth Congress itself;

(c) To make available the necessary resources for the participation of the least developed countries in the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress and the Ninth Congress itself;

(d) To provide the necessary additional resources, including temporary assistance, to the United Nations Office at Vienna, in order to enable its Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to undertake, in an effective and timely manner, all preparatory and follow-up activities for the Ninth Congress;

(e) To provide resources, as required, to ensure a wide and effective programme of public information related to the preparations for the Ninth Congress and the Ninth Congress itself;

(f) To invite 20 expert consultants to participate in the Ninth Congress, at the expense of the United Natoins, as was done for the previous three United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, thus ensuring that adequate expertise is provided to the Ninth Congress by each region for each substantive topic;

(g) To appoint, in accordance with the established practice for the congresses, a Secretary-General of the Ninth Congress;

14. Decides that the Ninth Congress should be held early in 1995 for a period of 10 working days and 2 days of pre-Congress consultations;

15. Encourages Governments to undertake preparations for the Ninth Congress by all appropriate means, with a view to formulating national position papers;

16. Invites the Commission to accord high priority, at its third session, to the preparations for the Ninth Congress and to ensure that all necessary organizations and substantive arrangements are made in good time.

[FOR THE TEXT OF THE ANNEX, SEE E/1993/32, CHAP. I, SECT. A, DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII.]

54. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXTS OF DRAFT DECISIONS I AND II, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (E/1993/24), CHAP. I, SECT. B.]

DRAFT DECISION III

Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems

The Economic and Social Council takes note of draft decision III entitled "Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems", contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session 9/ and requests the Commission to reconsider it at its thirty-fourth session.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Confirmation of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council, on the nomination by the Commission for Social Development, in its decision 33/101 of 17 February 1993, 10/ decides to confirm the following candidates for membership in the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development for an additional term of two years, beginnning on 1 July 1993:

Lars ANELL (Sweden);

Ingrid EIDE (Norway);

Tatyana KORYAGINA (Russian Federation);

Maureen O'NEIL (Canada);

Akilagpa SAWYERR (Ghana).

[FOR THE TEXTS OF DRAFT DECISIONS V-VII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ON ITS SECOND SESSION (E/1993/32), CHAP. I, SECT. B, DRAFT DECISIONS I-III.]

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 4 (E/1993/24).

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 12 (E/1993/32).

3/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.IV.2.

4/ A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

5/ E/CN.5/1993/4.

6/ E/CN.15/1993/7 and Corr.1

7/ E/CN.15/1993/CRP.1, paras. 66-75.

8/ E/CN.15/1993/7 and Corr.1, para. 5.

9/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 4 (E/1993/24), chap. I, sect. B.

10/ Ibid., chap.I, sect. C.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Social Committee

Addendum

1. The Social Committee continued its consideration of the question of social development (agenda item 20) at its 18th meeting, on 22 July.

Recommendation contained in the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152 and 47/91 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22, concerning crime prevention and criminal justice

2. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee considered draft resolution VII, entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152 and 47/91 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22, concerning crime prevention and criminal justice".

3. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

4. Also at the same meeting, the Committee decided to postpone taking action on the draft resolution.

5. At the 18th meeting, on 22 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. A. Missouri Sherman-Peter (Bahamas), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution VII and orally amended it as follows:

(a) In paragraph 1 of section II, the words "and participating in and contributing to the work of the peace-keeping operations, such as those of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia and the United Nations Protection Force" were deleted;

(b) Paragraph 5 of section II, which had read:

"5. Also requests the Secretary-General to develop basic courses on United Nations norms and guidelines for peace-keeping, peace-building and emergency mission personnel and their national counterparts, designed to restore or upgrade criminal justice systems and to respond rapidly to emergent results in such missions",

was replaced by the following text:

"Welcomes with appreciation the Secretariat's participation in, and contribution to, the work of peace-keeping operations such as those of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia and the United Nations Protection Force, in accordance with resolution 1992/22";

(c) A new paragraph 6 was inserted in section II, which reads as follows:

"Requests the Secretary-General to develop basic courses on United Nations norms and guidelines in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice which can be used, as necessary, for training peace-keeping and emergency mission personnel and their national counterparts",

and subsequent paragraphs were renumbered 7 to 14;

(d) In paragraph 12 of section II, the words "where appropriate" were inserted between the words "integrate" and "crime prevention";

(e) In paragraph 13 of section II, the word "including" was inserted between the words "technical cooperation" and "among developing countries";

(f) Paragraph 4 of section V, which had read:

"4. Recommends that the Secretary-General examine the possibility of resorting, when appropriate, to the expertise available in, or accessible through, the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in considering the establishment of an international criminal court and the draft code of crimes against the peace and security of mankind",

was replaced by the following test:

"Recommends that the Secretary-General consider resorting, where appropriate, to the expertise available in the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in matters relating to the work of the International Law Commission on the preparation of a draft statute for the international criminal court and the draft code of crimes against the peace and security of mankind".

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 9 below, draft resolution VII).

7. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Other proposals

Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of social development

8. At the 18th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the reports considered by the Council in connection with the question of social development (see para. 10 below, draft decision).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

9. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152 and 47/91 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22, concerning crime prevention and criminal justice

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991 on the creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/109 of 14 December 1990 on computerization of criminal justice,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 46/120 of 17 December 1991 on human rights in the administration of justice,

Also bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 47/91 of 16 December 1992 on crime prevention and criminal justice,

Further bearing in mind its resolution 1992/22 of 30 July 1992, in section VI of which it determined the three priority themes that should guide the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the development of a detailed programme,

Recalling that in section VII of its resolution 1992/22, the Council, inter alia, decided that the Commission should include in its agenda, beginning with its second session, a standing item on the existing United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice,

Recalling also its resolution 1990/21 of 24 May 1990 on the implementation of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice,

Taking note of the report of the Pre-sessional Working Group on Implementation of United Nations Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the former Committee on Crime Prevention and Control. 1/

Also taking note of the recommendations of the Meeting of Experts for the Evaluation of Implementation of United Nations Norms and Guidelines in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 2/

Recalling section I of its resolution 1992/22, entitled "Strengthening the operational capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, especially operational activities and advisory services",

Conscious that preventing and controlling crime is a growing challenge for most Member States and the international community as a whole,

Convinced that developing crime prevention and criminal justice skills is necessary to strengthen the rule of law and to promote democracy,

Alarmed by the negative impact of criminal activities on the development process in many countries, particularly in developing countries and countries in transition,

Bearing in mind the urgent need of the least developed countries for assistance, particularly in training crime prevention and criminal justice officials and practitioners,

Conscious of the relationship between national crime and more sophisticated forms of transnational criminal activities,

Convinced that effective action against crime requires increased technical cooperation activities at the international level, in order to provide appropriate assistance to Member States whose capacity to deal with crime-related issues is insufficient and to tackle serious forms of international criminal activity, such as transnational and organized crime,

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1/ E/AC.57/1990/WG.2.

2/ E/CN.15/1992/4/Add.4.

Recalling that in General Assembly resolution 46/152, the Assembly emphasized the practical orientation of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and decided that the programme should provide States with practical assistance, such as data collection, information and experience sharing and training, in order to achieve the goals of preventing crime and improving the response to it,

Concerned by the disparity between the need for technical assistance and the resources available for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme,

Recalling that in section VI of its resolution 1992/22, the Council determined that the majority of programme resources should be concentrated on the provision of training, advisory services and technical cooperation in a limited number of areas of recognized need, taking into account the need for technical assistance to developing countries, and that, in implementing special operational activities and advisory services in situations of urgent need, the Secretariat should place major emphasis on serving as a broker and clearing-house.

Convinced that the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme should provide the necessary operational perspective to Member States, thus assisting them in modernizing their criminal justice systems,

Aware that the introduction of modern criminal justice techniques requires education and training of criminal justice personnel,

Mindful that computer-assisted collection, management and distribution of crime prevention and criminal justice information are of growing importance to the effective and humane administration of criminal justice systems,

Expressing its appreciation to the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the United States Department of Justice and the State University of New York at Albany, United States of America, for their strong support in the development of the United Nations Criminal Justice Information Network,

Welcoming the contributions to technical cooperation made on a multilateral or bilateral basis by a number of Governments and institutions and noting in this regard that the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund has received contributions from the Governments of France, Italy and Tunisia and from the Helsinki Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations, and the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation,

Recalling resolution 1/2 of 29 April 1992 of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 3/ Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolutions 1 (XXXV), 4 (XXXV) and 11 (XXXV) of 15 April 1992 4/ and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/31 of 18 February 1992, 5/

Reaffirming that the prevention and control of crime require effective, concerted and multidisciplinary action at the national, regional and international levels,

Convinced that the scope of international cooperation in all fields of crime prevention and criminal justice should be extended and increased as a matter of utmost importance and that technical assistance programmes in crime prevention and criminal justice should be expanded and strengthened as a matter of urgency,

Alarmed by the fact that large financial profits derived from criminal activity may enable transnational criminal organizations to penetrate, infect and corrupt the structure of Governments, legitimate commercial activities and society at large, thereby impeding economic and social development, hampering law and order, undermining the foundation of States and preventing good governance,

Noting, with respect to priority themes, the need to pay particular attention to such issues as organized crime in all its manifestations, money laundering, the role of criminal law in the protection of the environment, the protection of cultural property from theft and smuggling, domestic violence, the computerization of the administration of criminal justice, juvenile delinquency and street crime.

I. REVIEW OF PRIORITY THEMES

1. Reaffirms the priority themes formulated by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its first session and contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22, section VI;

2. Invites Member States to prepare and circulate in advance of each session proposals on specific objectives and activities, as recommended in Commission resolution 1/1 of 29 April 1992 on strategic management by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, 3/ underlining the importance for the third and subsequent sessions of the Commission of implementing the mechanisms, referred to in paragraphs 32-35 of the annex to that resolution, for determining the objectives and the specific activities of the programme.

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 10 (E/1992/30), chap. I, sect. C.

4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 5 (E/1992/25), chap. XI, sect. A.

5/ Ibid., Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22), chap. II, sect. A.

II. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMME

1. Welcomes with appreciation the efforts undertaken by the Secretariat to carry out operational activities, notably setting up projects to be implemented in developing countries and countries in transition;

2. Notes with appreciation the cooperation between the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch and other United Nations entities, such as the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat, and recommends that such cooperation be expanded and intensified;

3. Also notes with appreciation the support provided by some Member States in organizing training seminars, inter alia, by providing funding and in-kind expertise;

4. Requests the Secretary General to continue elaborating, in accordance with the programme priorities, training curricula that could be implemented in Member States upon request and adopted to particular national or regional conditions and requirements, using new and existing materials such as manuals and other publications, United Nations guidelines, minimum rules and model treaties on crime prevention and criminal justice;

5. Welcomes with appreciation the Secretariat's participation in, and contribution to, the work of peace-keeping operations such as those of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia and the United Nations Protection Force, in accordance with resolution 1992/22;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to develop basic courses on United Nations norms and guidelines in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice which can be used, as necessary, for training peace-keeping and emergency missions personnel and their national counterparts;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure the involvement of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in the planning of such missions;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its third session, on technical cooperation and advisory services of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, including appropriate mechanisms for the mobilization of resources;

9. Further requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the institutional capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme by providing the Secretariat with adequate human and financial resources, if necessary by reallocating existing resources, as well as by means of voluntary contributions, to enable it

to elaborate, execute and evaluate operational activities and advisory services upon request by Member States;

10. Further requests the Secretary-General to consider making available the necessary resources for the participation of the least developed countries in the sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

11. Invites Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund in order to augment the implementation of technical assistance projects;

12. Recommends to Member States that they integrate, where appropriate, crime prevention and criminal justice components into their priority areas for development, so as to better address crime-related issues in the context of national development;

13. Reaffirms the importance of technical cooperation, including among developing countries;

14. Recognizes the relevance of close cooperation between the interregional, regional and associate institutes cooperating with the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to the development of technical assistance and research projects at the regional and interregional levels, taking into account regional characteristics and traditions of the various criminal justice systems.

III. UNITED NATIONS STANDARDS AND NORMS IN CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

1. Reaffirms the importance of United Nations standards, norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice;

2. Underlines the need for further cooperation and concerted action in translating those standards into practice;

3. Invites the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to focus on the promotion of the use and application of United Nations standards, norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice, while recognizing the social, cultural and economic conditions of Member States;

4. Invites Governments to pay due attention to United Nations standards, norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice and to enhance their widest possible dissemination;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the widest possible dissemination of the texts of the standards contained in the Compendium of United Nations Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 6/ which has been published only in English, calls for the reprint of the Compendium in English and its publication in the other five official languages of the United Nations;

6. Recognizes the important role that the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and the institutes associated or affiliated with the United Nations and non-governmental organizations play in promoting the use and application of the United Nations standards and norms in the administration of justice;

7. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To assist Member States, at their request, in implementing existing United Nations standards in crime prevention and criminal justice;

(b) To strengthen and coordinate activities in this field, including advisory services, training programmes and fellowships, with a view to undertaking joint programmes and developing collaborative mechanisms;

(c) To commence without delay a process of information-gathering to be undertaken by means of surveys, such as reporting systems, and contributions from other sources, initially paying attention to the United Nations standards, norms and guidelines listed in paragraph 8 (a) below; the surveys should be conducted over a two-year period in order to enable Member States to have sufficient time to provide replies; the results of the first surveys should be considered at the earliest possible session of the Commission;

8. Requests the Commission to establish, at its third session, an open-ended in-sessional working group, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council 7/ and subject to the consideration of financial implications, in order to discuss inter alia, the following issues:

6/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.92.IV.1.

7/ E/5975/Rev.1.

(a) The role of the United Nations in promoting the use and application of the following standards, norms and guidelines, with the understanding that this selection does not imply any priority over other standards, norms and guidelines and is subject to review at future sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice:

(i) The Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners; 8/

(ii) The Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials, 9/ together with the Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials; 10/

(iii) The Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power; 11/

(iv) The Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary; 12/

(b) The evaluation of the reporting system and other sources of information;

(c) Measures to improve the dissemination of information, education and technical assistance to enhance their use and application;

9. Commends the World Conference on Human Rights and its Preparatory Committee for bearing in mind the existence of important United Nations standards and norms in the administration of justice;

10. Calls upon the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its third session, to pay due attention to the results of the World Conference on Human Rights, to be held at Vienna in June 1993, as far as crime prevention and criminal justice issues are concerned.

8/ United Nations publication, Sales No. 1956.IV.4, annex I.A.

9/ General Assembly resolution 34/169, annex.

10/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.IV.2, chap I, sect. B.2, annex.

11/ General Assembly resolution 40/34, annex.

12/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1, chap I, sect. D.2, annex.

IV. CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

A. Collection of information

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the survey of activities carried out in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice within the United Nations system and by relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and on coordination of activities with other United Nations bodies, 13/ the ongoing activities of the Secretariat concerning the Fourth United Nations Survey of Crime Trends, Operations of Criminal Justice Systems and Crime Prevention Strategies, and other initiatives under way to acquire, process and distribute crime prevention and criminal justice data for the benefit of Member States and criminal justice professionals;

2. Reaffirms the usefulness of these information activities in crime prevention and criminal justice policy development and programme planning;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its third session, on progress made on the Fourth and Fifth Surveys of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems, and other initiatives under way to acquire, process and distribute crime prevention and criminal justice data;

4. Strongly encourages Governments to continue to reply promptly to requests of the Secretary-General for crime prevention and criminal justice data in order to ensure that those data can be processed and provided to all Member States and other interested parties in a timely and efficient manner.

B. Management of information

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue and to intensify efforts directed at the modernization of criminal justice techniques and administration, with special attention to the needs of developing countries, including the introduction of compatible information technology to facilitate the administration of criminal justice and to strengthen practical cooperation on crime control between Member States;

2. Encourages Member States, the private sector and criminal justice professionals to exchange proposals, information on projects and innovations enhancing criminal justice operations through the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch.

13/ E/CN.15/1993/2.

C. Distribution of information

1. Requests the Secretary-General to allocate the necessary services for the transfer of the management and daily operations of the United Nations Criminal Justice Information Network to the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch;

2. Invites Member States to consider the provision of extrabudgetary resources, including but not restricted to the secondment of computer-programming professionals with criminal justice experience, to the Secretariat in order to assist in the orderly transfer of the United Nations Criminal Justice Information Network, and to provide support for its further logistical and substantive development;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, as resources permit:

(a) To strengthen and expand the clearing-house functions of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch;

(b) To organize training courses that would enable criminal justice professionals, in particular those in developing countries, to acquaint themselves with the services of the United Nations Criminal Justice Information Network;

(c) To establish a support system for developing countries that would, among other things, ensure that basic costs connected with the provision of the necessary modalities, including the costs of membership in the Untied Nations Criminal Justice Information Network and transmission costs, are covered;

(d) To report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its third session, on progress made in the improvement of computerization in criminal justice management, with emphasis on strengthening national capacities for the collection, collation, analysis and utilization of the data.

V. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH AND OTHER RELEVANT ENTITIES

1. Welcomes with appreciation Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 10 (XXXVI) of 7 April 1993 14/ and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/41 of 5 March 1993; 15/

2. Invites the various relevant entities of the United Nations system, including but not limited to the Office of Legal Affairs, the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Department for Development Support and Management Services, the

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14/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 9 (E/1993/29), chap. XI.

15/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (E/1993/23), chap. II, sect. A.

Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the Division for the Advancement of Women, the regional commissions, the Centre for Human Rights and the United Nations Environment Programme of the Secretariat, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to cooperate with the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch and to extend to it their support and assistance in implementing its mandates;

3. Decides to continue its close cooperation in this field with the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission on the Status of Women and the specialized agencies in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of United Nations activities in areas of mutual interest and concern and to ensure coordination and avoidance of duplication;

4. Recommends that the Secretary-General consider resorting, where appropriate, to the expertise available in the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in matters relating to the work of the International Law Commission on the preparation of a draft statute for the international criminal court and the draft code of crimes against the peace and security of mankind;

5. Invites Member States to ensure that their efforts and arrangements aimed at cooperation and coordination at the bilateral and regional levels take into account the relevant activities and work of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to encourage and facilitate cooperation and coordination in accordance with the present resolution and to report on the subject to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its third session.

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10. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of social development

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (A/48/56-E/1993/6);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved and obstacles encountered in implementing the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (E/1993/5);

(c) Report on the World Social situation, 1993 (E/1993/50/Rev.1). 16/

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NARCOTIC DRUGS

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered the question of narcotic drugs (agenda item 21) at its 7th to 13th meetings, on 13 to 19 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (A/48/178-E/1993/70);

(b) Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session (E/1993/29); 1/

(c) Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1992 (E/1993/45);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board (E/1993/94).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Supplement No. 9 (E/1993/29).

2. At its 7th to 12th meetings, on 13 to 16 July 1993, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 7th meeting, on 13 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director of Treaty Implementation of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, and by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), the Bahamas and Suriname.

4. At the 8th meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Kuwait and Poland.

5. At the same meeting, the representatives of the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made statements.

6. At the 9th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Austria and China.

7. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Peru, and the observers for Myanmar and Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

8. At the 11th meeting, on 15 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Belarus, Mexico and India, and the observers for the Czech Republic and Bolivia.

9. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Cuba and the Philippines, and the observer for Slovakia.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session

10. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session (E/1993/29) contained nine draft resolutions and six draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. Programme budget implications of draft resolution VIII contained in the report were set out in annex II to the report.

11. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Chairman informed the Committee that draft resolutions I to VII and IX and draft decisions I to VI contained in the report had no programme budget implications.

Demand reduction as part of balanced national strategic plans to combat drug abuse

12. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Demand reduction as part of balanced national strategic plans to combat drug abuse" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution I).

Frequency of and arrangements for meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe

13. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Frequency of and arrangements for meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution II).

Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs

14. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution III).

Measures to prevent substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 from being diverted from international trade into illicit channels

15. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Measures to prevent substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 from being diverted from international trade into illicit channels" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution IV).

Control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

16. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" see para. 31 below, draft resolution V).

Implementation of measures to prevent the diversion of precursor and essential chemicals to illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

17. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "Implementation of measures to prevent the diversion of precursor and essential chemicals to illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution VI).

Promoting the use of memoranda of understanding to facilitate cooperation between customs authorities and other competent administrations and the international trading community, including commercial carriers

18. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, entitled "Promoting the use of memoranda of understanding to facilitate cooperation between customs authorities and other competent administrations and the international trading community, including commercial carriers" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution VII).

Measures to assist in the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988

19. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VIII, entitled "Measures to assist in the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution VIII).

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

20. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IX, entitled "Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution IX).

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

21. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 32 below, draft decision I).

Membership of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East

22. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Membership of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East" (see para. 32 below, draft decision II).

Venue of the Sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean

23. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee postponed taking action on draft decision III, entitled "Venue of the Sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean".

24. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, statements were made by the representative of Chile and the observer for the Dominican Republic.

25. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 32 below, draft decision III).

Reconvened session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

26. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft decision IV, entitled "Reconvened session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 32 below, draft decision IV).

27. After the draft decision was adopted, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

28. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft decision V, entitled "Report of the International Narcotics Control Board" (see para. 32 below, draft decision V).

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

29. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft decision VI, entitled "Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 32 below, draft decision VI).

Update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

30. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General on the update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (see para. 32 below, draft decision VII).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

31. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-IX, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (E/1993/29), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

32. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I, II AND IV-VI, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (E/1993/29), CHAP. I, SECT. B]

DRAFT DECISION III

Venue of the Sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic and Social Council decides that the venue of the Sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, will be the Dominican Republic.

DRAFT DECISION VII

Update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

The Economic and Social Council, takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on the update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control.

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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered human rights questions (agenda item 18) at its 11th-18th meetings, on 15, 16 and from 19 to 22 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its seventh session (E/1993/22); 1/

(b) Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session (E/1993/23 and Corr.2 and 4); 2/

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others (E/1993/61 and Add.1);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa (E/1993/95);

(e) Extract from the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its eighth session (E/1993/L.23 and Add.1);

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 2 (E/1993/22).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 and corrigenda (E/1993/23 and Corr.2 and 4).

(f) Administrative and programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-ninth session (E/1993/L.29);

(g) Statement submitted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/1993/NGO/9).

2. At the 11th meeting on 15 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Officer-in-Charge of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat.

3. At the same meeting, the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and Canada made statements.

4. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, statements were made by the observers for the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the International Movement ATD Fourth World, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

5. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Nigeria, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries) and Chile and the observers for Latvia, Iraq and Estonia.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made a statement.

7. At the 14th meeting, on 20 July, statements were made by the representative of the Russian Federation and the observers for Indonesia, El Salvador, the Sudan and Slovakia.

8. At the same meeting, the observer for the World Federation of Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, made a statement.

9. At the 15th meeting, on 20 July, statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Poland, Romania and Japan and the observers for Myanmar and Pakistan.

10. At the 16th meeting, on 21 July, statements were made by the representatives of China, Kuwait, the Philippines, India, the United States of America, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Cuba and Colombia and the observers for the Czech Republic and Venezuela.

11. At the same meeting, the representatives of the Programme Planning and Budget Section and the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat also made statements.

12. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Section made a statement.

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

14. At the 18th meeting, on 22 July, the representative of the Philippines made a statement. The representative of France also made a statement. The representative of the Centre for Human Rights responded to a question raised by the representative of France.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights

15. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session (E/1993/23 and Corr.2 and 4) contained 4 draft resolutions and 44 draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. The administrative and programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission at its forty-ninth session were contained in document E/1993/L.29.

Human rights and extreme poverty

16. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (see para. 98 below, draft resolution I).

Monitoring the transition to democracy in South Africa

17. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Monitoring the transition to democracy in South Africa" (see para. 98 below, draft resolution II).

Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

18. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment" (see para. 98 below, draft resolution III).

Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms

19. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms" (see para. 98 below, draft resolution IV).

Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine

20. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee considered draft decision 1, entitled "Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine". The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 22 to 11, with 10 abstentions (see para. 99 below, draft decision I). The voting was as follows: 3/

In favour: Bahamas, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Guinea, India, Kuwait, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey.

Against: Belarus, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Spain, Ukraine.

Situation of human rights in Cambodia

22. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 2, entitled "Situation of human rights in Cambodia" (see para. 99 below, draft decision II).

Situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia

23. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 3, entitled "Situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia" (see para. 99 below, draft decision III).

Rape and abuse of women in the territory of the former Yugoslavia

24. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 4, entitled "Rape and abuse of women in the territory of the former Yugoslavia" (see para. 99 below, draft decision IV).

Situation of human rights in South Africa

25. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 5, entitled "Situation of human rights in South Africa" (see para. 99 below, draft decision V).

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

26. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 6, entitled "Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (see para. 99 below, draft decision VI).

3/ The representative of Benin indicated that had he been present, he would have voted in favour of the draft decision.

Respect for the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others

27. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 7, entitled "Respect for the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others" (see para. 99 below, draft decision VII).

The right to development

28. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July the Committee considered draft decision 8, entitled "The right to development". The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

29. At same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 38 to 1, with 6 abstentions (see para. 99 below, draft decision VIII) The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, France, Guinea, India, Italy, Kuwait, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Turkey.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Canada, Germany, Japan, Poland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

30. After the draft decision was adopted, the representative of Austria made a statement.

Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

31. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Chairman informed the Committee that no action was required on draft decision 9, entitled "Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities".

Work of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

32. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 10, entitled "Work of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities" (see para. 99 below, draft decision IX).

Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

33. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 11, entitled "Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities" (see para. 99 below, draft decision X).

Human rights and forensic science

34. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 12, entitled "Human rights and forensic science" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XI).

Question of arbitrary detention

35. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 13, entitled "Question of arbitrary detention" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XII).

Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

36. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Chairman informed the Committee that draft decision 14, entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" had been deleted from the report of the Commission (see E/1993/23/Corr.2).

Question of human rights and states of emergency

37. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 15, entitled "Question of human rights and states of emergency" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XIII).

Question of the impunity of perpetrators of violations of human rights

38. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 16, entitled "Question of the impunity of perpetrators of violations of human rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XIV).

Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers

39. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 17, entitled "Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XV).

Right to freedom of opinion and expression

40. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 18, entitled "Right to freedom of opinion and expression" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XVI).

Protection of human rights in the context of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

41. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 19, entitled "Protection of human rights in the context of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XVII).

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

42. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 20, entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XVIII).

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region

43. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 21, entitled "Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XIX).

Situation of human rights in the Sudan

44. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 22, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Sudan" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XX).

45. After the draft decision was adopted, statements were made by the representative of China and the observer for the Sudan.

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

46. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee considered draft decision 23, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

47. At the same meeting, the observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement. The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic also made a statement.

48. The Committee then adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 24 to 4, with 14 abstentions (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXI). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Guinea, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Russian Federation, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: Bangladesh, China, Cuba, Syrian Arab Republic.

Abstaining: Angola, Benin, Bhutan, Colombia, India, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Sri Lanka, Turkey.

Situation of human rights in Cuba

49. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee considered draft decision 24, entitled "Situation of human rights in Cuba".

50. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

51. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 24 to 3, with 16 abstentions (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXII). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Swaziland, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: China, Cuba, Syrian Arab Republic.

Abstaining: Bahamas, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Colombia, Guinea, India, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Suriname.

52. After the draft decision was adopted, the representative of Brazil made a statement.

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

53. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 25, entitled "Situation of human rights in Afghanistan" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXIII).

Situation of human rights in Haiti

54. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 26, entitled "Situation of human rights in Haiti" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXIV).

Situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea

55. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 27, entitled "Situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXV).

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

56. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 28, entitled "Situation of human rights in Myanmar" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXVI).

Situation of human rights in Iraq

57. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the observer for Iraq made a statement.

58. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision 29, entitled "Situation of human rights in Iraq" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXVII).

59. After the draft decision was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and India.

Application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles

60. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 30, entitled "Application of international standards concerning the human rights of detained juveniles" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXVIII).

Assistance to Georgia in the field of human rights

61. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 31, entitled "Assistance to the Republic of Georgia in the field of human rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXIX).

Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

62. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 32, entitled "Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXX).

Advisory services and the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights

63. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 33, entitled "Advisory services and the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXXI).

Assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights

64. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 34, entitled "Assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXXII).

Human rights in El Salvador

65. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee decided to defer action on draft decision 35, entitled "Human rights in El Salvador". The draft decision read as follows:

> "The Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/93 of 10 March 1993, approves the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to extend the mandate of the independent expert for one year to report on human rights developments in El Salvador, providing the assistance required by the Government in this field, and also approves the Commission's request to the independent expert to report to the Commission at its fiftieth session on the action taken to give effect to Commission resolution 1993/93."

66. At the 18th meeting, on 22 July, the representative of El Salvador read out an amendment to the draft decision as follows:

To replace the words "to extend the mandate of the independent expert for one year" with the words "to extend the designation of the independent expert for one year with the mandate".

67. At the same meeting, the representative of Spain made a statement.

68. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision as orally amended (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXXIII).

Internally displaced persons

69. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 36, entitled "Internally displaced persons" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXXIV).

Procedure for special sessions of the Commission on Human Rights

70. At the 17 meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 37, entitled "Procedure for special sessions of the Commission on Human Rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXXV).

Promoting the realization of the right to adequate housing

71. At the 17 meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 38, entitled "Promoting the realization of the right to adequate housing" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXXVI).

Human rights dimensions of population transfer, including the implantation of settlers and settlements

72. At the 17 meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 39, entitled "Human rights dimensions of population transfer, including the

implantation of settlers and settlements" by a roll-call vote of 41 to 1, with 1 abstention (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXXVII). The voting was as follows: 4/, 5/

In favour: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Germany, Guinea, India, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zaire.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Philippines.

Study on treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements between States and indigenous populations

73. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 40, entitled "Study on treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements between States and indigenous populations" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXXVIII).

Right to a fair trial

74. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 41, entitled "Right to a fair trial" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XXXIX).

The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms

75. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 42, entitled "The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms" (see para. 99 below, draft decision LX).

Human rights and the environment

76. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 43, entitled "Human rights and the environment" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XLI).

4/ The representative of France indicated that, had she been present during the voting, she would have voted in favour of the draft decision.

5/ The representative of Swaziland subsequently indicated that his vote in favour of the draft decision had not been recorded.

Organization of the work of the fiftieth session of the Commission on Human Rights

77. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision 44, entitled "Organization of the work of the fiftieth session of the Commission on Human Rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XLII).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its seventh session

78. Chapter I of the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its seventh session (E/1993/22) contained two draft decisions recommended for action by the Council.

79. At the 17th meeting on 22 July, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the programme budget implications of the two draft decisions.

Technical assistance to Panama in implementing the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

80. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Technical assistance to Panama in implementing the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XLIII).

Technical assistance to the Dominican Republic in implementing the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

81. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Technical assistance to the Dominican Republic in implementing the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XLIV).

Recommendations contained in the extract from the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its eighth session

82. The extract from the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its eighth session (E/1993/L.23) contained three draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council.

Extraordinary additional session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

83. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Extraordinary additional session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (see para. 99 below, draft decision XLV).

84. After the draft decision was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Canada, Japan and the United States of America.

Payment of honoraria to members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

85. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee considered draft decision II, entitled "Payment of honoraria to members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights".

86. At the same meeting, the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) introduced an oral amendment to the draft decision, as follows:

To replace the words "decides to authorize payment" with the words "endorses the request of the Committee to the General Assembly to authorize payment".

87. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision as orally amended (see para. 99 below, draft decision XLVI).

Resources to enable the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to involve experts in its general discussion

88. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee considered draft decision III, entitled "Resources to enable the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to involve experts in its general discussion".

89. At the same meeting, the representative of France made a statement.

90. Also at the same meeting, the Committee decided to defer action on the draft decision.

91. At the 18th meeting, on 22 July, the representative of France orally proposed a draft decision in connection with draft decision III.

92. At the same meeting, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

93. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the oral decision (see para. 99 below, draft decision XLVII).

Other proposals

Suppression of the traffic in persons

94. At the 16th meeting, on 21 July, the observer for the Netherlands, 6/ on behalf also of Belgium, the Czech Republic, 6/ Finland, 6/ Ireland, 6/ Nigeria, Norway, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia 6/ and Venezuela, 6/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1993/C.2/L.4) entitled

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6/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

"Suppression of the traffic in persons". Subsequently, Ecuador, 6/ Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Senegal 6/ and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

95. At the 17th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 98 below, draft resolution V).

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of human rights

96. At the 18th meeting, on 22 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision, entitled "Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of human rights" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XLVIII).

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission

97. At the 18th meeting, on 22 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision entitled "Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission" (see para. 99 below, draft decision XLIX).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

98. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-IV, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (E/1993/23), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Suppression of the traffic in persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1982/20 of 10 March 1982 7/ on the question of slavery and the slave trade in all their practices and manifestations, including the slavery-like practices of apartheid and colonialism, 1988/42 of 8 March 1988, 8/ 1989/35 of

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7/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

8/ Ibid., 1988, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1988/12 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

6 March 1989, 9/ 1990/63 of 7 March 1990, 10/ and 1991/58 of 6 March 1991 11/ and 1992/47 of 3 March 1992 12/ and taking note of Commission resolutions 1993/27 of 5 March 1993 13/ and decision 1993/122 of 10 March 1993 14/ on the reports of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and 1992/74 of 5 March 1992 on programmes of action for the prevention of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and for the elimination of the exploitation of child labour, 12/

Recalling also its resolutions 1982/20 of 4 May 1982 and 1983/30 of 26 May 1983 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, 1988/34 of 27 May 1988 and 1989/74 of 24 May 1989 on the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and 1990/46 of 25 May 1990, 1991/35 of 31 May 1991 and 1992/10 of 20 July 1992 on the suppression of the traffic in persons,

Recalling further Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/36 of 28 February 1992 on a draft programme of action for the prevention of traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others, 12/

Considering that the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Economic and Social Council on the suppression of the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others 15/ still constitutes a useful basis for further action,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, 16/

9/ Ibid., 1989, Supplement No. 2, (E/1989/20), chap. II, sect. A.

10/ Ibid., 1990, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1990/22 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

11/ Ibid., 1990, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

12/ Ibid., 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22), chap. II, sect. A.

13/ Ibid., 1993, Supplement No. 3 (E/1993/23), chap. II, sect. A.

14/ Ibid., chap. II, sect. B.

15/ E/1983/7 and Corr.1 and 2.

16/ E/1993/61 and Add.1.

Noting that only a few Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations have submitted information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30,

Gravely concerned that slavery, the slave trade and slavery-like practices still exist, that there are modern manifestations of those phenomena and that such practices represent some of the gravest violations of human rights,

Convinced that the United Nations Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery will play an important role in the protection of the human rights of victims of contemporary forms of slavery,

Aware of the complexity of the issue of the suppression of the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others, and the need for further coordination and cooperation to implement the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur and by various United Nations bodies,

Sharing the grave concern, expressed by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 2 of its resolution 1993/27, at manifestations of contemporary forms of slavery as reported to the Working Group,

Mindful of the resolutions on violence against women, adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Welcoming the determined stance, taken in the Vienna Declaration of the World Conference on Human Rights against gender-based violence and all forms of sexual harassment and exploitation, including those resulting from cultural prejudice and international trafficking and the pertinent reference made in that Declaration to legal measures, national action and international cooperation in such fields as economic and social development, education, safe maternity and health care, and social support,

1. Reminds States parties to the Slavery Convention on 1926, 17/ the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 1956, 17/ and the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others of 1949 17/ that they should submit to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities regular reports on the situation in their countries, as provided for under the relevant conventions and under Council decision 16 (LVI) of 17 May 1974;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others; 16/

17/ See Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.XIV.1), sect. F.

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a further report to the Council, at its substantive session of 1994, on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30 by those Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations that have not yet submitted such information and to make that report available to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to include in that report, or to make available to the Council in some way, information on activities of the supervisory bodies of the International Labour Organisation regarding the implementation of provisions and standards designed to ensure the protection of children and other persons exposed to contemporary forms of slavery;

5. Takes note in this connection of the information on activities of the supervisory bodies of the International Labour Organisation regarding the implementation of provisions and standards designed to ensure the protection of children and other persons exposed to contemporary forms of slavery; 18/

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in that report information on any operational activities of the United Nations system that can foster the implementation of standards designed to ensure the protection of children and other persons exposed to contemporary forms of slavery and activities that might be geared to the prevention of violations and alleviation of the plight, or rehabilitation, of victims;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to include in that report information on the matter of close collaboration of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice with the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat on the issue of the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery;

8. Urges the Secretary-General to ensure effective servicing of the Working Group and of other activities related to the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices, and requests him to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1994 on the steps taken in that regard;

9. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to designate the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat as the focal point for the coordination of activities in the United Nations for the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery and requests the Secretary-General to report on the follow-up of this request;

10. Urges the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to collaborate closely with the Centre for Human Rights on the issue of the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery;

18/ E/1993/61, sect. II.C.

11. Welcomes the establishment of the United Nations Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;

12. Approves the endorsement by the Commission on Human Rights 19/ of the recommendation made by the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in its resolution 1992/2 of 14 August 1992, that the arrangements regarding the organization of the sessions of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, as contained in Commission decision 1992/115 of 3 March 1992, 20/ be repeated in subsequent years;

13. Welcomes Commission on Human Rights decision 1993/112 14/ to authorize the Subcommission to consider the possibility of appointing a special rapporteur to update the report of the Special Rapporteur on the exploitation of child labour, Mr. Abdelwahab Boubdiba;

14. Concurs with the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in its assessment of the relevance of the Riyadh Guidelines for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency 21/ contained in General Assembly resolution 45/112;

15. Decides to consider the question of the suppression of the traffic in persons at its substantive session of 1994 under the item entitled "Human rights questions".

99. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I-XLII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (E/1993/23), CHAP. I, SECT. B]

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS XLIII AND XLIV, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS ON ITS SEVENTH SESSION (E/1993/22), CHAP. I]

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISION XLV, SEE THE EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS ON ITS EIGHTH SESSION (E/1993/L.23)]

19/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 3 (E/1993/23), chap. II, sect. A, resolution 1993/27.

20/ Ibid., 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22), chap. II, sect. B.

21/ E/1993/61, sect. II.B.

DRAFT DECISION XLVI

Payment of honoraria to members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Economic and Social Council, noting that recent measures approved by the General Assembly will result in a situation in which the members of five out of the six United Nations treaty bodies composed of independent experts are entitled to receive an honorarium for their services, and recognizing that it is inequitable for a single committee to be treated differently in this respect, endorses the request of the Committee to the General Assembly to authorize payment to each member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of an honorarium equivalent to that payable to the members of other relevant treaty bodies.

DRAFT DECISION XLVII

Resources to enable the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to involve experts in its general discussion

The Economic and Social Council takes note of draft decision III contained in the extract from the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its eighth session 22/ and decides to give further consideration to this question at its substantive session of 1994, taking into account the full report of the Committee on its eighth session and any additional information the Committee may wish to submit.

DRAFT DECISION XLVIII

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of human rights

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its seventh session; 23/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa; 24/

(c) Extract from the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its eighth session. 25/

22/ E/1993/L.23.

23/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 2 (E/1993/22).

24/ E/1993/95.

25/ E/1993/L.23 and Add.1.

DRAFT DECISION XLIX

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session and of the draft provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission 26/ as set out in that report.

26/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 3 (E/1993/23 and Corr. 2 and 4).